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In re the application of:

Kevin W. Guernsey et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment adding three new claims. This submission includes the following section:

Amendments to the Claims (Page 2).

Respectfully submitted, Kevin W. Guernsey et al.

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